

BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
3 Primrose Street – Council Chambers
Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Finance

A recording of the meeting is available to the public at <https://vimeo.com/591883973>

Present: Chandravir Ahuja, John Madzula, Laura Miller, Steven Goodridge, Erica Sullivan and Geoffrey Dent

Also Present: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and one member of the Public

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Attendees saluted the American Flag.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chandravir Ahuja made a motion to elect John Madzula as Chair for the Board of Finance for the next year. Erica Sullivan seconded. Chandravir Ahuja moved to close nominations. Steve Goodridge seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

Steven Goodridge made a motion to elect Chandravir Ahuja as Vice Chair for the Board of Finance for the next year. Erica Sullivan seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

Voter Comments

None

Communications

None

Minutes

Chandravir Ahuja moved to approve the minutes of November 22nd, 2021. Geoffrey Dent seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

First Selectman's Report

The First Selectman welcomed the new Board of Finance and congratulated Mr. Madzula on his nomination as Chair. The Finance Director and the First Selectman have been meeting with the various departments regarding next year's budget. The First Selectman spoke with the Legislative Council regarding the curbside recycling. Negotiations with vendors are good until July 2022. He is suggesting the BOS, LC and BOF come forward with anyone interested in joining a joint committee to reconcile the curbside issue. The Town will receive ~\$7.5MM. \$2.5MM will be given for the Hawley HVAC project. The additional funds will need to be allocated within the appropriate framework.

Geoffrey Dent and Erica Sullivan will join the ARP joint committee. Steven Goodridge and Laura Miller will join the recycling joint committee.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director, Bob Tait, reported xxx

New Business

Acceptance of the Connecticut Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant (ETH)

Chandravir Ahuja made a motion to accept the Connecticut Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant. Laura Miller seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

2022 Board of Finance Meeting Schedule

Geoffrey Dent made a motion to approve the 2022 Board of Finance Meetings. Laura Miller seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

Unfinished Business

None

Voter Comments

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Erica Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Geoffrey Dent seconded. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kiley Morrison Gottschalk, Clerk

Attachments

Grant

2022 Board of Finance Meeting Schedule

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(Per Town Charter 6-35(b), 6-40 & 7-25)**

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT EDMOND TOWN HALL

PROJECT: CONNECTICUT CULTURAL FUND OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: MINIMUM GRANT AWARD = \$5,000 (MAX = \$550k)

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$	-
GRANT	XXX	
LOCAL MATCH	NONE	
OTHER	\$	-
CONTINGENCY	\$	-
IN KIND	\$	-
	\$	-

ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (GENERAL FUND):

List any financial impact your request will have on the Town's annual operating budget.
Attach spreadsheet(s) showing your calculation of the estimated impact.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:

**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN
BEFORE NUMBER**

**(POSITIVE IMPACT) /
NEGATIVE IMPACT**

Attachment
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SALARIES & BENEFITS		***	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
UTILITIES			
OTHER			
DEBT SERVICE (average)	\$	-	
TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES	\$	-	

REVENUE CATEGORY:

**POSITIVE IMPACT /
(NEGATIVE IMPACT)**

Attachment
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PROPERTY TAXES		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (FEES)		
OTHER		
TOTAL IMPACT ON REVENUES	\$	-

TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET

\$ -

EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT

(using current year's information)

0.0000 mills

COMMENTS:

NO IMPACT ON THE BUDGET. THE GRANT ASSISTS CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AS THEY RECOVER FROM THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC AND WORK TO BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE.

PREPARED BY:



DATE: 12/4/2021

Grant Application

External
Inbox

ETH Finance <finance@edmondtownhall.org>

Fri, Nov
12, 12:04
PM

to Susan.Marcinek, Bob, ETH, Jen, Betsy

Hello Susan,

Please note that the Edmond Town Hall submitted an application for the Connecticut Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant on 11/12/21. The grant provides general operating support for organizations that offer arts and humanities based programming. Grant awards will be calculated based on the applicant's annual operating expenses and revenues for the period of 7/1/18-6/30/23

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren DiMartino
Finance
Edmond Town Hall - Board of Managers Office
45 Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470

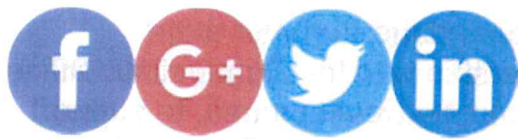
Phone: 203-270-4285 x5
Fax: 203-270-4287

There is no impact on the Town budget by accepting the grant. The link describes the grant.

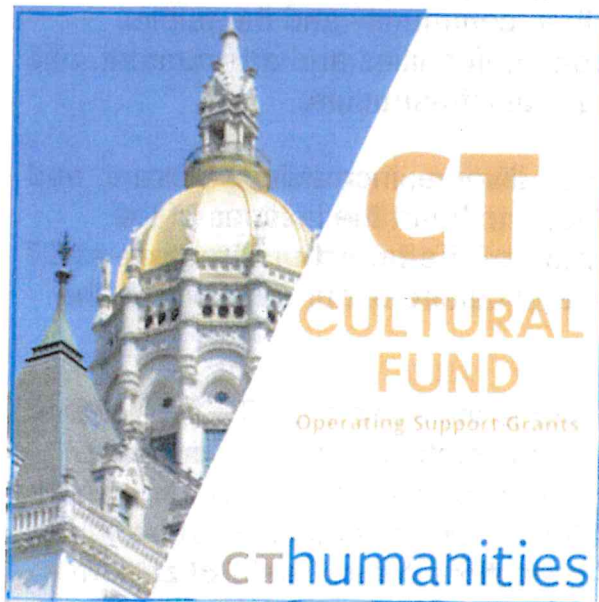
<https://cthumanities.org/ct-humanities-announces-ct-cultural-fund-operating-support-grants-to-provide-16m-to-cultural-sector/>

Thank you,
Lauren

CT Humanities Announces CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants, to Provide \$16M to Cultural Sector



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CT Humanities Announces CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants, to Provide \$16M to Cultural Sector

CT Humanities (CTH) announces the opening of the CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants line which will provide \$16M in funding to eligible museums and cultural, humanities, and arts organizations in the state. The CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants line is part of \$30.7M of support allocated to CTH over the next two years by Governor Ned Lamont and the CT General Assembly: up to \$20 million in FY 2022 and up to \$10.7 million in FY 2023.

The CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants will assist organizations as they recover from the global pandemic and work to become more accessible and sustainable.

Following the success of the CARES Act grants and the Summer at the Museums Program, CTH continues their partnership with the Connecticut Office of the Arts, Department of Economic and Community Development, to support non-profit arts and humanities organizations that continue to suffer from the effects of the pandemic. These operating support grants will assist organizations to maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public, connect K-12 teachers and students to strong humanities and arts content, and improve their information technology and digital infrastructure.

“To continue on our path to becoming a more diverse, increasingly vibrant, and once-again thriving cultural sector, we will take to heart the lessons of the pandemic,” **explains Lew Wallace, chairman of the board of directors at CT Humanities.** “Equitable access to the arts and culture of our state will be the foremost driving force in our mission.”

“The continued collaboration between CT Humanities and the CT Office of the Arts helps us to finally envision the totality of the state’s arts and humanities organizations. This will not only better serve the cultural sector, but it will ensure the richest cultural experiences for all residents. Our communities thrive when arts organizations, museums and cultural institutions thrive,” **said Elizabeth Shapiro, Director of Arts, Preservation & Museums for the state.**

Many organizations that were not eligible for previous relief funding such as Shuttered Venue Operator or Save Our Stages Grants will be able to access CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grants. **Kathleen Maher, executive director at Bridgeport’s Barnum Museum, describes** the fund as “a lifeline to this industry sector.” **Maher noted,** “This is an enormous relief. I, for one, am enormously grateful for the unyielding effort to make this funding equitable for everybody.”

Eligible organizations include Connecticut museums and 501c3 non-profit, municipal, or CT-based tribal nation organizations that provide cultural,

humanities, and arts-based projects and activities for the public (i.e., museums, historic houses, historical societies, arts organizations, cultural centers, and other organizations that offer activities like exhibitions, performances, arts classes, public programs, or walking tours to the public). Award amounts will be determined based upon an organization's operating expenses, revenues, and deficits for the current fiscal year and preceding three fiscal years. The minimum grant award amount will be \$5,000 and the maximum award amount will be \$500,000. Applications will be accepted through 11:59 pm on Monday, November 15, 2021. Award notifications will be made by the week of December 20, 2021. More information and application guidelines can be found at CTHumanities.org/ct-cultural-fund-operating-support-grants.

"Connecticut is demonstrating its commitment to our cultural sector, and we will work tirelessly with our partners to strengthen and sustain our arts and cultural organizations and to connect our residents and visitors to these places that make our state such a wonderful place to live, work, and experience," adds **Dr. Jason Mancini, executive director at CT Humanities**.

CTH, in collaboration with the CT Office of the Arts, the CT League of History Organizations, the CT Arts Alliance, and the state's Designated Regional Service Organizations will be conducting information sessions about the CT Cultural Fund Operating Support grants. The latest details can be found at CTHumanities.org/ct-cultural-fund-operating-support-grants.

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Connecticut Humanities (CTH) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CTH connects people to the humanities through grants, partnerships, and collaborative programs. CTH projects, administration, and program development are supported by state and federal matching funds, community foundations and gifts from private sources. Learn more by visiting cthumanities.org.

The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut's creative economy. Part of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF FINANCE
2022 Board of Finance Meetings
Municipal Center – Council Chambers
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT
All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

January 10 and January 27

February 15* and February 24

BUDGET MEETINGS: February 10* (after Hearing), 15*, 17* and March 24

PUBLIC HEARING: February 10

March 14 and March 24

April 11 and April 28

May 9 and May 26

June 13 and June 23

July 11 and July 28

August 8 and August 25

September 12 and September 22

October 11* and October 27

November 14 and November 29

December 12 and December 22

January 9, 2023 and January 26, 2023

*indicates dates outside of regular 2nd Monday/4th Thursday schedule